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to the
HOLDERS OF J.C.S. 2019/348
(DOD Maneuver of Special Munitions (S))

In a memorandum for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 19 December 1958, subject: "SAC Maneuver of Sealed-Pit Weapons," the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy), stated:

"Reference your memorandum* to the Secretary of Defense of 8 December 1958, subject as above, inclosed is the report** to the President in the form of an information brief, submitted on 11 December 1958."

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SAC MANEUVER OF SEALED-PIT WEAPONS, (~~TOP SECRET RESTRICTED DATA~~)

In September the President approved* a SAC airborne alert



course twice during each mission, is refueled once by a KC-135 tanker, for a total mission time of approximately 19 hours.

During the period 3 - 31 October 1958, results were as follows:

Aircraft scheduled	116
Aircraft airborne	108
Missions completed	106
Effective hours scheduled	1920:20
Effective hours realized	1783:09
Effectiveness	92.8%
Accidents/Incidents	None

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DECISION ON J.C.S. 2019/348

A Memorandum by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force
on

DOD MANEUVER OF SPECIAL MUNITIONS (S)

Note by the Secretaries

1. On 5 December 1958, the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations in paragraphs 2 and 3 of J.C.S. 2019/348.
2. The memorandum in the Enclosure, dated 8 December 1958, was forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.
3. This decision now becomes a part of and shall be attached as the top sheet of J.C.S. 2019/348.

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on

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DOD MANEUVER OF SPECIAL MUNITIONS (S)

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22 November 1958

- 1. Contained within the Presidential approval for SAC maneuvers 1
with sealed-pit weapons,* is a request for periodic submissions to 2
the President's briefing book of the progress of the airborne 3
exercises. The enclosed memorandum for the Secretary of Defense 4
represents the first such progress report. Within the proposed 5
memorandum is a request that the Secretary of Defense submit the 6
information for the President's briefing book. 7
- 2. I recommend that the Joint Chiefs of Staff forward the 8
memorandum in the Enclosure hereto to the Secretary of Defense. 9
- 3. It is recommended that this paper NOT be distributed 10
to commanders of unified or specified commands. 11

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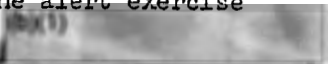
ENCLOSURE

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: SAC Maneuver of Sealed-Pit Weapons (~~S/AD~~)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum* for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 29 September 1958, subject as above, wherein you outlined the Presidential approval** for SAC airborne alert exercises. This memorandum also contained a request for periodic submissions to the President's briefing book of the progress of the airborne exercises. The information contained herein represents the first submission of the progress reports.

2. Operation HEAD START is an airborne alert exercise utilizing B-52 aircraft. Operating from 



Each aircraft flies approximately this same triangular course twice during each mission, is refueled once by a KC-135 tanker, for a total mission time of approximately 19 hours.

3. Pursuant to the Presidential approval, operation HEAD START was commenced with sealed-pit weapons on 3 October 1958. During the period 3 - 31 October 1958, results were as follows:

- a. Aircraft Scheduled - 116
- b. Aircraft Airborne - 108
- c. Missions Completed - 106
- d. Effective Hours Scheduled - 1920:20
- e. Effective Hours Realized - 1783:09
- f. Effectiveness - 92.8%
- g. Accidents/Incidents - None

4. It is requested that the above information be submitted for the President's briefing book.

*Enclosure to J.C.S. 2019/338
**On file in Joint Secretariat (Memo DATED 9/22/58 Encl. To NSM 420
(Dated 9/24/58 with the above. See 2019/338)

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